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1. ISLAMABAD ALSO WELCOMES DECISION TO ENCOURAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO FOCUS ON GROWING NEED FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.
2. WFP OFFICIALS HERE BELIEVE THAT AVAILABLE SUPPLIES, EITHER HERE OR ON THE WAY, WILL LAST THROUGH THE END OF CY 1980 AND PROBABLY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1981. THIS IS BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES RECEIVING FOOD ALWAYS LAGS BEHIND THE NUMBER REGISTERED AND BECAUSE WFP HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED NEW COMMITMENTS - SPECIFICALLY 10,000 MT WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA AND 4,000 MT WHEAT FROM JAPAN. WFP DISTRIBUTED FOOD RATIONS TO 961,000 REFUGEES DURING SEPTEMBER THOUGH THERE WERE 1,126,000 REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 30. SOME WHO REGISTERED AND ARE ON THE ROLLS AT A GIVEN CAMP HAVE MOVED ON TO CITIES SEEKING WORK AND BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS.

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3. UNHCR HAS PROJECTED A BUDGET OF DOLLARS 52 MILLION

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FOR NON-FOOD AID FOR CY 1981 BASED ON A REGISTERED REFUGEE POPULATION OF ONE MILLION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES THAT THIS DETAILED BUDGET WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNHCR AND GOP THAT MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE THE END OF 1980, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND ANOTHER AGREEMENT IN 1981 AS THE NEEDS FOR THE LATER HALF OF 1981 BECOME APPARENT. INCLUDED IN THIS 1981 BUDGET IS A NEW ITEM: DOLLARS 2.5 MILLION FOR KERSENE AND STOVES FOR REFUGEES IN BALUCHISTAN AND DOLLARS 5 MILLION FOR FIREWOOD FOR REFUGEES IN NWFP. WE ASSUME DOLLARS 60 MILLION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUDGET FIGURE FOR JULY 1980 THROUGH JUNE 1981 GIVEN BY PAKISTAN AT UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. REF C, IS THE GOP ASSISTANCE OF 50 RUPEES (DOLLARS 5) MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE PLUS INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.
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